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E.O. 11652: ADS DECON UPON RECEIPT

TAGS: ASEC, ABLD

SUBJ: CHANCERY SECURITY MODIFICATION

REF: (A) STATE 119043

(B) TUNIS 3151

1. HAVE STUDIED CLOSELY POST PLANS TO CONSTRUCT OUTER FOYER AT CHANCERY. PERIMETER SECURITY AT TUNIS DOES NOT IN ANY WAY COMPARE WITH TEHRAN, AS WALLS AND FENCES AT TUNIS CAN BE SURMOUNTED WITH EASE BOTH NIGHT AND DAY. THEREFORE, RECOMMENDATION IN REFTEL (A) TO DEVELOP SECURITY CHECK POINT FURTHER AT COMPOUND GATE CANNOT BE CONSIDERED ADEQUATE SUBSTITUTE FOR SECURITY IMPROVEMENT AT ENTRANCE TO CHANCERY. COMPOUND GATE MUST BE REBUILT AND SHOULD BE RELOCATED, AS RECOMMENDED BY POST ONLY AS COLLATERAL MEASURE TO IMPROVING CHANCERY ENTRANCE.

2. IN EXAMINING POST PLANNING FOR USE OF THE PROJECTED FOYER, I FIND THAT CERTAIN ADDITIONAL SECURITY FEATURES MUST BE INCLUDED IN ORDER TO SECURE THE CHANCERY AND THUS TO JUSTIFY THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION. MY RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOW:

A. CONSTRUCT FOYER AS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED.

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B. MODIFY PRESENT HEAVY, ORNATE ENTRANCE DOORS

BY:

(1) INSTALLATION OF LEXAN ON INTERIOR SURFACE
OF DOORS;

(2) INSTALLING DOORS IN GLIDING MODE
RATHER THAN SWINGING;

(3) INSTALLING MOTOR-DRIVEN ELECTRIC DOOR OPENER
CONTROLLED BY SWITCH AT MARINE POST NO. 1.

C. LEAVE TDMJESENT#LOCATION IN LOBBY.

D. ESTABLISH MARINE POST NO. 2 OUTSIDE ENTRANCE
DOORS AND INSIDE NEW FOYER. MARINE WILL NOT RPT NOT BE
ARMED.

E. ESTABLISH MALE RECEPTIONIST CONTRACT EMPLOYEE
INSIDE NEW FOYER WITH MARINE. BOTH MARINE AND MALE RECEPTION-
ISTSHOULD HAVE TELEPHONES CONNECTED WITH RESPECTIVE
COUNTERPARTSINSIDE CHANCERY.

F. ALL VISITORS UNKNOWN AND NOT EXPECTED BY
ANYONE IN CHANCERY WILL BE SUBJECT TO BRIEFCASE AND PARCEL
CONTROL.

3. IN SUMMATION, ONLY POINT AT WHICH SECURITY OF
CHANCERY AGAINST TERRORIST ATTACKS CAN BE EFFECTED IS
AT ENTRANCE TO CHANCERY. CONSTRUCTION OF RECOMMENDED
FOYER IS ONLY FIRST STEP TOWARD OBTAINING REQUISITE
SECURITY AND COST CANNOT BE JUSTIFIED ON SECURITY GROUNDS
UNLESS KEYED INTO ADDED FEATURES. THESE FEATURES MUST
INCLUDE KEEPING ENTRANCE DOORS SOLIDLY CLOSED AT ALL
TIMES AND OPENING THEM ONLY TO PROPERLY IDENTIFIED VISITORS
OR TO VISITORS WHO HAVE RECEIVED SECURITY SEARCH BY
MARINE PRIOR TO ENTERING. GATE TO COMPOUND MUST BE
REBUILT AND SHOULD BE RELOCATED AS PROPOSED BY RSO
BUT INDEPENDENT OF SECURITY MEASURES AT CHANCERY
ENTRANCE.

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